

Application Serial No.: 10/684,201
Amendment After final dated December 2, 2005
Responsive to Office Action dated July 29, 2005

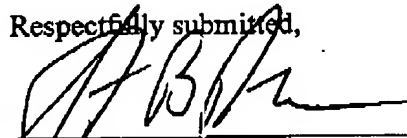
REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action mailed on July 29, 2005 and further in response to the Advisory Action dated November 15, 2005. Claims 1-30 are pending in this application, of which claims 1-29 are allowed and claim 30 stands rejected. Claims 1, 17, 29 and 30 are independent. In this Amendment, claim 30 has been cancelled without prejudice solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution, and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file later continuation applications directed thereto. Applicants respectfully maintain that no new subject matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-29 remain pending in this application.

Accordingly, by reasons of the cancellation of claim 30, Applicants submit that all of the claims remaining in the application (i.e., 1-29) are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the present application in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks provided herein is respectfully requested.

No fee, other than the fee for the petition for extension of time submitted herewith, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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